

PROCEEDINGS OF THE AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF BROWN COUNTY
BOARD MEETING

April 23, 2009

PRESENT: Donajane Brasch, Tom Diedrick, Patricia Fincer-Stone, Warren Skenadore, Grace Aanonsen, Bill Clancy, Steve Daniels, Judy Parrish

EXCUSED: Pat Cochran, Keith Pamperin, Libbie Miller

ALSO PRESENT: Sunny Archambault, Arlene Westphal, Debra Bowers, Kinsey Black, Devon Christianson, Denise Misovec, Diana Brown, Jennifer Nelson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Chairperson Diedrick called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Sup. Clancy and seconded by Ms. Parrish to adopt the April 23, 2009 agenda. **MOTION CARRIED.**

INTRODUCTIONS were made.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF March 26, 2009:

Ms Fincer-Stone moved and Ms. Brasch seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 26, 2009. **MOTION CARRIED.**

FINANCIAL REPORT:

A. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MARCH, 2009 REPORT: Ms. Archambault reported that everything appears to be on target so far with nothing outstanding. We will be receiving the Title III Grant dollars shortly. We did receive a letter from the county stating that they have reviewed their indirect cost plans and we were charged an addition \$1300 for 2008. Our accounting department has made payment.

Ms. Parrish moved and Ms. Aanonsen seconded to approve the March 2009 Financial Report. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESTRICTED DONATIONS: Board Members reviewed the restricted donation of \$200 in memory of Verna Thompson for the I&A Department.

Ms. Fincer-Stone moved and Ms. Aanonsen seconded to approve the Restricted Donations. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF RFP PROCESS FOR NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR 2010-2011:

Ms. Archambault announced that it is, once again, time to proceed with the bidding process for our Nutrition Program. She reviewed the timetable for the Request for Proposals (RFP) process suggesting that proposals be opened by the Program Committee at 8:00 a.m. on June 25, 2009 with recommendations being made to the Full Board at the Board of Director's Meeting at 8:30 a.m. She informed the Board that this would be a one year contract with the opportunity to extend it to two years and asked for their approval of the RFP Process.

Sup. Clancy moved and Ms. Brasch seconded to approve the RFP Process for the Nutrition Program for 2010-2011. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO ADRC BY-LAWS: Ms. Archambault reviewed the recommendations for amendment to Section 5. Conflict of Interest and Article II – Board Membership; Section 2. Terms of Office of the ADRC By-Laws that members had previously discussed at the March 26th Board of Director's Meeting. These recommendations were placed on the April Board Agenda for consideration to meet the five (5) days written notice requirement for amending by-laws.

Ms. Finner-Stone moved and Ms. Parrish seconded to approve the amendment to ADRC By-Laws. **MOTION CARRIED.**

HISTORY OF INDEPENDENT LIVING AND DISABILITY RIGHTS: Mr. Diedrick gave a brief report on the history of independent living and disability rights. He began by stating that Centers for Independent Living (CILs) are grassroots, advocacy-driven organizations run by and for people with disabilities. They focus on civil rights, the independent living philosophy, and inclusion. All Centers provide individual and systems advocacy, information and referral, peer support, and independent living skills training. Anyone with a disability has the right to participate in all of the same activities as those without disabilities.

Prior to 1960 the only place the disabled went was to church and those with significant disabilities were institutionalized. As the process of deinstitutionalization began to occur in the 1960's, people with significant disabilities were gradually released from institutions to return to their communities; and, the need for individual living aids and dollars to keep them independent became inevitable. At that time the model of the disabled changed from a medical model to a socialization model. It was realized that it was 95% cheaper to keep a person living in their own home with aids than it was to keep them in a nursing home setting. Disability-specific advocacy efforts initiated the Disability Rights and Independent Living Movement. Significant accomplishments included providing increased opportunities for people with disabilities and achieving real political power.

Mr. Diedrick recapped the story of Ed Roberts, the "Father of Independent Living" and how he faced audacious discrimination in his educational pursuits and rose to become the head of the California Department of Rehabilitation, the very same agency that had dismissed him as unemployable fifteen years earlier. Across the country Centers for Independent Living began to grow. Rallies and sit-ins were held across the country drawing attention and support for the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 took place. As the Independent Living philosophy took hold nationally and the Disability Rights Movement gained acceptance the Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law on July 26, 1990.

Wisconsin received funding from the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to develop CILs in the later 1970's and the first centers were opened in Milwaukee, Racine and Madison. One requirement of the funds was for State-match dollars. Today, Wisconsin has eight Centers for Independent Living. While the proposed Governor's budget includes dollars for ILCs, the funding is from the federal stimulus dollars and impacts the ILCs differently. It also removes the state dollars placing future state funding in jeopardy.

ADRC UPDATES – FUNCTIONAL SCREENS: Ms. Christianson, Assistant Director of the ADRC, updated Board Members on the transition to assume the responsibility of completing functional screens for consumers seeking publicly funded long term care services. Up to now, we are contracting with Human Services staff to provide this service. Functional screens are an ADRC responsibility and we plan to phase in this responsibility during the rest of this year. By January 1, the ADRC will provide screens for all seniors and adults with a disability. Screens

Screens for children will continue to be provided by Human Services.

The Functional Screen is a tool developed by the state to assure consistency throughout the system in determining eligibility for long term care services. Screeners are required to pass a ten modular exam before they can use this tool. Right now, four of our staff have been certified and we plan to have all I&A staff certified no later than January 1, 2010. At that time, all adult screens will be completed by the ADRC.

Because we are not a Family Care county and there are 800 plus people on the COP/CIP waiting list, eligibility will not result in service dollars for the consumer. The challenge for us will be to connect these persons to community resources they can afford to help them live as independently as possible.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Ms. Archambault shared the letter she wrote to Secretary Timberlake with the Department of Health Services regarding the allocation for ADRCs in the Governor's proposed budget. Because we are not a Family Care county, the proposal would have a huge negative impact on our budget. The budget is based on the assumption that ADRCs will capture a specific percentage of Medical Assistance dollars through 100% time reporting of ADRC staff.

As discussed above, right now we are contracting with Human Services to provide functional screens for long term care services. Even when we provide all screens, Brown County is only completing approximately 20 adult long term care functional screens per month – a number substantially lower than the screens performed in Family Care Counties. Many consumers do not choose to have a screen completed if it only results in being placed on an 800-plus waiting list and there is no chance to receive services. Family Care counties realize approximately a 32% MA reimbursement rate through their 100% time reporting. It should not be difficult for these Family Care ADRCs to meet the proposed MA rate of 28% that is included in the Governor's budget. However, our ADRC time reporting only averages around 20% in MA claiming.

The Governor's proposed budget decreases the GPR allocated to ADRCs based on the difference between the MA contract rate of 23.62% and the proposed MA budget rate of 28% and also makes the adjustment retroactive to January 1, 2009. This could result in a loss of over \$100,000 of GPR funding for our ADRC in 2009. It would not be possible for us to meet our contract requirements with this loss in revenue. Ms. Archambault noted that the earliest we anticipate having Family Care in Brown County is 2011. We will be limited in our capacity to capture MA dollars as an ADRC until Family Care arrives. We are requesting assistance from Secretary Timberlake to address this issue.

Ms. Archambault also noted that there are no Prevention Grant Dollars for next year in the Governor's proposed budget. Over the next few months we will be putting together a bare-bones budget to see if we will be able to support these programs for next year. While there will be stimulus dollars for the nutrition program, the state is still discussing how these funds will be allocated. Our reporting requirements will include how many jobs have been added or saved because of the stimulus money.

Other comments include:

- GWAAR (Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc.) is the new structure for our Aging Network. Ms. Archambault distributed the first newsletter for GWAAR as they are in the process of working through their transition.
- Ms. Archambault shared an e-mail she received from the National Council on Aging noting the urgency to contact Congress to include Long-Term Services and Supports in Health Reform and to Cosponsor the CLASS Act. The CLASS Act would create a nationwide voluntary insurance program to help people with coverage for long-term services and supports.
- Department Heads and Supervisors have been attending trainings on Leadership and Safety Issues provided by the County Executive. Ms. Archambault also attended a "LEAN" orientation which is a method of examining procedures to see if they can be changed for increased efficiencies.
- Information has been received regarding our 2010-2012 Aging Plan. The plan requires that we develop goals using the "SMART" format in three areas: Transportation Coordination; Emergency Preparedness; and Support for Family Caregivers. We are also encouraged to develop goals in a priority area of our choosing. The Aging Plan is due on December 1, 2009.
- CWAG's 32nd Annual Convention will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Green Bay on July 23-24, 2009. The theme of the convention will be "The Changing Face of Aging".
- Tom Frazier, Director of CWAG, will be retiring at the end of this year.
- Ms. Archambault announced that the ADRC has three new employees who will be joining our staff. Kinsey Black joins us from Wisconsin Public Service as our new Clerk Typist, Kathryn Kaari comes to us from the Salvation Army and will be our new Senior Program Coordinator at our Pulaski Site, and John Fritz will be joining us the end of May from the Alzheimer's Association as our newest Information & Assistance Specialist.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Announcements were as follows:

- Ms. Parrish announced that nominations for Vice President of the ADRC Board of Directors are now open. At this time Mr. Pamperin is a nominee. If anyone else is interested, please contact Ms. Parrish before the next meeting on May 28, 2009. Nominations can also be made at that meeting.
- Ms. Finder-Stone urged Board Members to attend the CWAG (Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups) District 4 Spring Meeting being held on Monday, April 27, 2009 at the SC Grand Banquet & Convention Center in De Pere, WI.
- Ms. Finder-Stone also informed board members that John Hendricks from the CWAG Office will be at the Allouez Village Hall at 1:00 this afternoon presenting on "Fraud issues for Seniors".
- Mr. Diedrick reminded Board Members that there are a number of committees available for them to serve on and to let either himself or Ms. Archambault know of their interests.
- Mr. Diedrick also invited Board Members to an Open House being held on May 28, 2009 at *Optioris* for Independent Living in Green Bay, WI. The Open House will run from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with highly trained staff to answer questions on benefits, housing, adapted equipment, remodeling or any other disability related issue. It will be an opportunity to experience the wide variety of ideas and applications which promote maximum independence.

NEXT MEETING DATE – MAY 28, 2009: The next ADRC Board of Director's Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2009.

ADJOURN: Sup. Clancy moved to adjourn and Ms. Finder-Stone seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arlene Westphal
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Arlene Westphal, Secretary